IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT ALABAMA

JENNIFER & SLADE PIGGOTT,

Plaintiffs,

VS. CASE NUMBER: 2:CV-1158-MEF

JAMES N. GRAY COMPANY a/ka GRAY CONSTRUCTION, INC.; et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT

In accordance with this Court's Scheduling Order, Plaintiffs strike the original Complaint and hereby file their Amended Complaint in lieu of Plaintiffs' original Complaint.

- 1. Plaintiff Jennifer Piggott is over the age of nineteen years and resides in Butler County, Alabama.
- 2. Plaintiff Slade Piggott, the husband of Jennifer Piggott, is over the age of nineteen years, and resides in Butler County, Alabama.
- 3. Defendant James N. Gray Company a/k/a Gray Construction, Inc., (hereinafter "Gray") is an Alabama corporation with its principle place of business in Birmingham, Alabama.
- 4. Defendant GNF Architects and Engineers, P.S.C., P.C., (hereinafter "GNF") is a Kentucky corporation with its principle place of business in Lexington, Kentucky, and at all times relevant hereto, did business in the State of Alabama and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

- 5. Defendant Freeland Harris Consulting Engineers of Kentucky, Inc., (hereinafter "Freeland Kentucky") is a Kentucky corporation with its principle place of business in Lexington, Kentucky, and at all times relevant hereto, did business in the State of Alabama and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 6. Defendant Freeland Harris Consulting Engineers of Georgia, Inc., (hereinafter "Freeland Georgia") is a Kentucky corporation with its principle place of business in Tucker, Georgia, and at all times relevant hereto, did business in the State of Alabama and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 7. Defendant All South Subcontractors, Inc., (hereinafter "All South") is an Alabama corporation with its principal place on business in Birmingham, Alabama, and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 8. Defendant Coopers Steel Fabricators, Inc., (hereinafter "Coopers") is a Tennessee corporation with its principle place of business in Shelbyville, Tennessee, and at all times relevant hereto, did business in the State of Alabama and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 9. Defendant Firestone Building Products Company, Inc., (hereinafter "Firestone") is an Indiana corporation with its principle place of business in Indianapolis, Indiana, and at all times relevant hereto, did business in the State of Alabama and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 10. Defendant The Hardy Corporation (hereinafter "Hardy") is an Alabama corporation with its principal place on business in Birmingham, Alabama, and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

- 11. Defendant Latta Plumbing and Construction Company, Inc., (hereinafter "Latta") is an Alabama corporation with its principle place of business in Gardendale, Alabama, and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 12. Defendant Mid-South Subcontractors, Inc., d/b/a Mid-South Roof Systems (hereinafter "Mid South") is a Georgia corporation with its principle place of business in Forest Park, Georgia, and at all times relevant hereto, did business in the State of Alabama and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

Statement of the Facts

- 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant Gray contracted with Hwashin to design and build the Hwashin manufacturing facility.
- 14. Defendant GNF was hired by Gray Construction to provide architectural services relating to the roofs for the Hwashin manufacturing facility. GNF was the "Architect of Record" and was responsible for coordination of the design components of the Hwashin facility.
- 15. Defendant Freeland-Kentucky and GNF entered into a Design Consulting Agreement for Freeland-Kentucky to provide all structural engineering services for the construction of the Hwashin facility, including the design and support structure of the roofs. Freeland-Kentucky subcontracted with Freeland-Georgia for Freeland-Georgia to provide structural engineering services for the construction of the Hwashin facility, including the design and support structure of the roofs.
- 16. Defendant All-South was the roofing subcontractor hired by Gray Construction to install the roof at the Hwashin facility.

- 17. Defendant Coopers was hired by Defendant Gray to supply and install the structural steel, girders, joints, bridging, roof decking, roof frames and other steel products for the Hwashin facility.
- 18. Defendant Firestone manufactured and warranted the roofs over the office building owned by Hwashin. Firestone inspected and approved the roofs after installation.
- 19. Defendant Hardy was hired by Defendant Gray to provide all engineering, materials, labor, equipment, and all other items necessary to complete the mechanical systems, including HVAC and plumbing work for the Hwashin facility.
- 20. Defendant Latta was hired by Defendant Hardy to install the plumbing at the Hwashin facility, including pipes in the roof drainage system.
- 21. Defendant Mid South was hired by Defendant Gray to install the gutters for the drainage system at Hwashin America and to perform repairs if necessary.
- 22. On October 17, 2006, Plaintiff Jennifer Piggott was an employee of Hwashin America Corporation in Greenville, Alabama.
- 23. At said time and place, Jennifer Piggott was performing her duties at her desk in the office at the Hwashin manufacturing facility.
- 24. At said time and place, a wall collapsed and the roof of the office collapsed on Jennifer Piggott, knocking her to the floor and causing her to be severely injured.
- 25. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff Slade Piggott is married to and the husband of Jennifer Piggott.

- 26. At the aforesaid time and place, Defendant Gray and all Defendants had a duty to ensure that the roof and support walls were designed, constructed in such a manner to prevent it from collapsing on persons, including workers in the office as Jennifer Piggott.
- 27. At said time and place, Defendant Gray and all Defendants had a duty to properly design and construct the building, including the walls and roof, with an adequate support structure and materials to withstand the elements of weather.
- 28. Plaintiffs restate paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 29. On or about September 24, 2003, Hwashin entered into a contract with defendant Gray, wherein Gray agreed to design and build an approximately 273,000 square foot manufacturing facility, including an office building, in Greenville, Butler County, Alabama ("Contract").
- 30. Based on information and belief, Defendant Freeland-Harris Kentucky contracted with Defendant GNF to provide structural engineering services for construction of the Hwashin facility pursuant to the Contract, including, but not limited to, design of the structure supporting the Roofs. Freeland-Harris Kentucky then subcontracted with Freeland-Harris Georgia to provide certain structural engineering services for the construction of the Hwashin facility, including but not limited to design of the structure supporting the Roofs. (These Freeland Harris defendants are referred to in this Complaint collectively as "Freeland-Harris").

COUNT ONE

- 31. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 30 of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 32. Defendant Gray and/or all Defendants negligently failed to design and/or construct the roof in such a manner to ensure the structural support system for the roofs, including the office, and the drainage system so that it would withstand heavy rain and/or wind.
- 33. As a proximate consequence of Defendant Gray's negligence and/or the negligence of all Defendants, Plaintiff Jennifer Piggott was injured and damaged as follows: she sustained serious and permanent injuries, including a crushed vertebrae at L4-5 which caused fluid to leak out of her spinal cord, caused numbness in her legs and toes and which required emergency surgery; she sustained injuries to her right knee, her back suffered lacerations and pieces of glass were embedded in her back, she suffered physical pain and will continue to suffer paid in the future; she was required to be hospitalized; she is required to wear a back brace; she suffered a broken rib; she incurred medical expenses and will continue to incur medical expenses in the future; she suffered mental anguish and will continue to suffer mental anguish in the future; she will be required to miss work and lose income as a result of her injuries; she will continue to lose income in the future; she will continue to have physical problems in the future as a result of the crushed vertebrae in her back; and she has otherwise been injured and damaged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendant Gray Construction and/or all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory damages as a jury may deem reasonable, and the costs of this action.

COUNT TWO

- Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 30 of the Complaint as if set out 34. here in full.
- 35. Defendant Gray Construction and/or all Defendants had a duty to enforce safety policies and/or to require compliance with all state and federal standards and regulations regarding construction, including the roof and drainage system of the Hwashin facility.
- Defendant Gray Construction and/or all Defendants negligently failed to 36. inspect the roofs, the structural system support or the drainage system of the office building at completion of construction to determine whether its structural integrity was capable of withstanding the elements, including rain and wind.
- 37. Defendant Gray and/or all Defendants negligently failed to design or to require the roofs to have an adequate structural support and/or an adequate drainage system, including the office.
- 38. Defendant Gray and/or all Defendants negligently failed to design or to enforce safety policies and/or failed to require compliance with all state and federal standards and regulations regarding construction, including the roof and drainage system of the Hwashin facility.
- 39. As a proximate consequence of Defendant Gray's negligence and/or the negligence of all Defendants, Plaintiff Jennifer Piggott was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph number 33 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendant Gray and/or all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory damages as a jury may deem reasonable, and the costs of this action.

COUNT THREE

- 40. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 30 of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 41. Defendant Gray Construction and/or all Defendants had a duty to enforce safety policies and/or to require compliance with all state and federal standards and regulations regarding construction, including the roof and drainage system of the Hwashin facility.
- 42. Defendant Gray Construction and/or all Defendants wantonly failed to inspect the roofs, the structural support system or the drainage system of the office building at completion of construction to determine whether its structural integrity was capable of withstanding the elements, including rain and wind.
- 43. Defendant Gray and/or all Defendants wantonness failed to design or to require the roofs to have an adequate structural support and/or an adequate drainage system, including the office.
- 44. Defendant Gray and/or all Defendants wantonness failed to design or to enforce safety policies and/or failed to require compliance with all state and federal standards and regulations regarding construction, including the roof and drainage system of the Hwashin facility.

45. As a proximate consequence of Defendant Gray's wantonness and/or the negligence of all Defendants, Plaintiff Jennifer Piggott was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph number 33 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendant Gray and all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory damages as a jury may deem reasonable; a separate amount of punitive damages, and the costs of this action.

COUNT FOUR

- 46. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 30 of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 47. Defendant Gray negligently hired, trained and/or supervised all Defendants which Defendant Gray hired to perform work or services rendered for the construction of the Hwashin facility.
- Defendant Gray had a duty to Hwashin to use due care to hire, retain, 48. train and/or supervise qualified contractors and consultants to design, construct and/or install the roofs and the drainage systems for the Hwashin facility.
- 49. Defendant Gray had a duty to Hwashin to use due care to ensure that the companies or individuals it hired were properly trained or otherwise qualified for the work performed or services rendered.
- 50. As a proximate consequence of the negligence of Defendant Gray, Jennifer Piggott was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 33 above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against Defendant Gray in such an amount of compensatory damages as a jury may award and the costs of this action.

COUNT FIVE

- 51. Plaintiffs reallege paragraphs 1 through 30 of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 52. The negligence or wantonness or other wrongful conduct of all Defendants combined and concurred to cause the roof collapse on October 17, 2006, which injured Plaintiffs.
- 53. As a proximate consequence of the combining and concurring negligence or wantonness or other wrongful conduct of all Defendants, Plaintiffs were injured and damaged as alleged in paragraphs 33 and 57 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory damages; a separate amount of punitive damages, as a jury may award and the costs of this action.

COUNT SIX

- 54. Plaintiff Slade Piggott realleges paragraphs 1 through 30 of the Complaint as if set out here in full.
- 55. Plaintiff Slade Piggott is the husband and marital partner of Plaintiff Jennifer Piggott.
- 56. Plaintiff Jennifer Piggott was injured and damaged as alleged in paragraph 33 of the Complaint as a result of Defendants' negligence or wantonness.
- 57. As a proximate consequence of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff Slade Piggott has lost and will continue to lose the love, affection, and services of his wife, he also has lost income and has lost the ability to obtain jobs because of the necessity of taking care of his wife after she was injured when the roof fell on her; and he has otherwise been injured and damaged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Slade Piggott demands judgment against all Defendants in such an amount of compensatory damages as a jury may award, and his costs of this action.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon all counsel of record as listed below by either electronic filing or placing a copy of same in the United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid on this the 29 hay of June, 2007.

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